

P-407, 421/CP-86-526 ORDER ALLOWING RECOVERY OF BALLOTING COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Certain  
Subscribers in the Lindstrom Exchange for  
Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/  
St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area

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In the Matter of the Petition of Certain  
Subscribers in the Exchange of Delano for  
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On October 8, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER CERTIFYING POLLING RESULTS, GRANTING PETITIONS, AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS in these two dockets. Among other things, the Commission stated that if GTE Minnesota (GTE or the Company), the telephone company serving the petitioning exchanges, wished to request recovery of its non-recurring implementation expenses it should file its request at least 120 days prior to the scheduled implementation date for the extended area service (EAS).

On May 24, 1994, GTE filed a request for recovery of its non-recurring charges. GTE proposed to bill its customers a one-time charge of \$1.50 the first month that customers pay the EAS recurring charge.

On June 14, 1994, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed its comments regarding GTE's proposed charge.

On August 2, 1994, the Commission met to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Upon review, the Commission finds that the Company's method of calculating its proposed charge is unacceptable. The Company explained that it proposed the \$1.50 figure because this figure approximated the charges the Commission approved for GTE's Tower (\$1.54) and Nickerson (\$1.57) subscribers. Basing a figure for Lindstrom and Delano on the charges approved for Nickerson and Tower is not appropriate, however, because the costs billed to the Company by the Commission for polling Lindstrom and Delano subscribers were significantly different.

Based on the non-recurring costs (minus the return postage costs) actually billed to the Company for polling Lindstrom and Delano, the Commission calculates that the appropriate one-time charges for Lindstrom and Delano are \$1.26 and \$1.23 respectively. The Commission will authorize GTE to impose such charges on its customers on a one-time basis.

**ORDER**

1. The Commission authorizes GTE Minnesota to recover non-recurring costs incurred with respect to the Lindstrom EAS route by imposing a \$1.26 one-time charge to all Lindstrom subscribers.
2. The Commission authorizes GTE Minnesota to recover non-recurring costs incurred with respect to the Delano EAS route by imposing a \$1.23 one-time charge to all Delano subscribers.
3. GTE's proposed customer notice, amended as to the amount of the charges per Ordering Paragraph 2, is approved. The Company shall include the approved customer notice in the next available billing.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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